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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN PM'S VISIT TO OMAN

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1. TUN ABDUL RAZAK AND PARTY SPENT 22 HOURS IN MUSCAT JAN. 22-23. MADE RATHER SUBDUED LOCAL SPLASH, PARTLY BECAUSE BOTH SULTAN QABOOS AND FONMIN ZAWAWI WERE STILL IN LONDON, WHICH MEANT THAT MIN INTERIOR AND DEPUTY MIN DEFENSE (SAYYID FAHAR BIN TAIMUR) WAS RANKING OMANI AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS. ALSO, TUN ABDUL RAZAK WAS FEELING ILL AND HIS MEETINGS AS WELL AS APPEARANCE AT SAYYID FAHAR'S BANQUET WERE ABBREVIATED.

2. ACCORDING TO ACTING MIN OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MALAYSIANS ASKED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; OMANIS EXPLAINED THAT NO SUCH FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM SULTANATE WHERE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS
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STILL EXCEED INCOME FROM PETROLEUM. OMANIS EXPRESSED

WILLINGNESS TO EXPAND TRADE. (COMMENT: AT PRESENT THERE IS ALMOST NO COMMERCE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, AND OMANIS REALIZE THAT POTENTIAL IS LIMITED AT BEST.) DURING COURSE OF VISIT, AN UMBRELLA BILATERAL "CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT" WAS SIGNED. WORDING (ACCORDING TO SOURCE) IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THAT OF SIMILAR AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH OTHER GULF STATES DURING PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT; IT DOES NOT CALL FOR ANY SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

3. UNDERSTAND OMANGOV MILDLY MIFFED BY LAST-MINUTE MALAYSIAN DECISION TO STAGE VISIT JAN. 22 INSTEAD OF ORIGINALLY MENTIONED JAN. 28, BY WHICH TIME SULTAN QABOOS WOULD HAVE BEEN HOME TO WELCOME THE VISITOR.
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